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EVALUATION 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED 25X1DATE OF CONTENT 25X1DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 17 May 1954REFERENCES 25X1PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) REMARKS

- 25X1 1. During the period from 10 to 23 April 1954, the former navallerie caserno in Pasewalk quartered about 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, yellow-bordered black epaulets and magenta-colored epaulets. One Colonel von Mitzleben (fnu) belonged to the headquarters. At 10:30 a.m. on 15 April, a 85-mm AA battery was detrained at Pasewalk railroad station. Other materiel had been detrained between 9 and 10 a.m.
- 25X1 2. The KVP installations in the Pasewalk area were renumbered, namely installation II, Stallberg, received no 702, installation IV, Broegeheide, no 705, installation VII, Eggesin, no 801, installation X, Altwarp, no 802, installation VIII, Marpin, no 803 and installation IX, Spechtberg, no 804. One installation no 701 was also identified.
3. On 9 April, section I of installation Stallberg seemed to be occupied to capacity. Prime movers and guns were parked in open sheds.
4. Prior to 2 April, an artillery regiment commanded by Major Hermann Gaertner was stationed in Stallberg. A Soviet lieutenant colonel and a major were assigned as advisers. The regiment numbered 1,000 to 1,100 men and was organized into battalions I through IV, with three batteries to each battalion. The regiment was fully armed with 152-mm howitzers and gun howitzers. An AT artillery unit was also quartered in the installation.
5. On 26 April, a KVP unit of about 60 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets was observed in the cantonment opposite installation Altwarp. The unit came from Stallberg. Four 76-mm field guns were seen with the unit. An AAA unit of about 50 men armed with 4 x 82-mm AA guns from Pasewalk was also seen there. The coastal area in the Altwarp area was blocked to fishermen from 21 to 27 April because of firing practices.
6. On several days between 13 April and 2 May, the engineer unit in Camp Ruenfeichen, which was commanded by Captain Ericke (fnu), conducted demomn practices and water exercises. Loading and river-crossing with pontoons was practiced at Tollense Lake.

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- 25X1 2. [] Comment. Installation No 701 probably is the cavallerie kaserne in
Hasevaik. It is possible that the other barracks installations of Corps North
also received new numbers.
- 25X1 3. [] Comment. Section I of installation Stallberg is carried as quartering
the howitzer artillery regiment of Corps North and Section II of the installation
as quartering the AT artillery regiment. The howitzer artillery regiment
25X1 consisted of 3 artillery battalions with 3 batteries to each battalion with a
total of 36 x 152-mm guns. The IV bn mentioned in the report possibly is the
25X1 artillery observation battalion which is organized into a flash-ranging section,
sound-ranging battery and survey battery. The strength of 1,000 to 1,100 also
includes the observation battalion which, [] is
tactically subordinate directly to the HQ Corps North.
- 25X1 4. [] Comment. Elements of the AT artillery regiment of Corps North are
believed to have conducted firing with live ammunition at sea targets. Units
25X1 of the AA regiment of Corps North repeatedly practiced firing in the Aitwarp
area.
- 25X1 5. [] Comment. According to another source, Captain Fritzler (fnu) is commanding
officer of the engineer battalion of Corps North in Fuenfeichen. []
[] Captain Fritzler or Fritzlar is said to have come to Fuenfeichen
in November 1953 as successor to Fricke (fnu). The engineer battalion of Division
Prenzlau which is also quartered there is commanded by Captain Machke (fnu).

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